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SYSTEM FOR WHICH FEES ARE
PAID DEPENDING ON USAGE
STATUS AND MEDICAL APPARATUS
COMPATIBLE THEREWITH

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Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for timely filing of the Divisional application being filed today February 2, 2005.

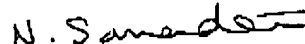
Extended time expires February 3, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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